

VZCZCXRO1306
OO RUEHDBU RUEHIK RUEHPW RUEHYG
DE RUEHBUL #3683 3011225
ZNR UUUUU ZZH
O 281225Z OCT 07
FM AMEMBASSY KABUL
TO RUEHC/SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 1211
INFO RUCNAFG/AFGHANISTAN COLLECTIVE PRIORITY
RHEHAAA/NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL WASHINGTON DC PRIORITY
RUCNDT/USMISSION USUN NEW YORK PRIORITY 4261
RUMICEA/USCENTCOM INTEL CEN MACDILL AFB FL PRIORITY
RUEKJCS/SECDEF WASHINGTON DC PRIORITY
RUEKJCS/OSD WASHINGTON DC PRIORITY
RUEAIIA/CIA WASHINGTON DC PRIORITY
RUEKJCS/JOINT STAFF WASHINGTON DC PRIORITY
RHEFDIA/DIA WASHINGTON DC PRIORITY

UNCLAS KABUL 003683

SIPDIS

SIPDIS

DEPT FOR SCA.FO DAS GASTRIGHT, SCA/A,
STATE PASS TO USAID FOR AID/ANE,
NSC FOR JWOOD
OSD FOR KIMMETT

E.O. 12958: N/A

TAGS: [PGOV](#) [PHUM](#) [AF](#)

SUBJECT: AMBASSADOR MEETS WITH FEMALE MPS TO SIGNAL
CONTINUED SUPPORT

[11](#). (SBU) The Ambassador met with seven female members of parliament on October 18. The MPs, mostly Pashtuns from southern provinces, were generally not aligned politically. They said that they lacked computers, offices, and security support. But, their provincial connections are better than those of their male counterparts because their constituents trust them. They observed that powerful politicians in the parliament have resources, but offer them only to political allies. They predicted women would vote their own minds in the 2009 presidential election.

[12](#). (SBU) The Ambassador encouraged the group to organize and develop connections to other MPs with complementary agendas. The Ambassador promised the MPs the USG's continued support.
WOOD